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Marconi caught-passed ITALIAN SALAMI IN GREEK SANDWICH

— By Andrew Dettre —

The "impossible" has happened: beleaguered Marconi have been overtaken by West Adelaide and are closely pursued by South Melbourne.

Now the two giant Greek-based clubs have Marconi sandwiched in between themselves.

To make Marconi's woes even more complete, the Philips Soccer League fined them \$1500 for not making two of their players available against Greece in June and on another charge.

This time Marconi are unlikely to fight the case and will shell out the hard cash.

Last Sunday Marconi suffered their third successive defeat, this one against local rivals Western Suburbs.

Since round 13 they have won two and lost six games — surely the most cataclysmic collapse by any title contender in living memory.

In the same period West Adelaide and South Melbourne have both collected 11 of the possible 16 points — enough to make the 1978 PSL title race a lively one.

Marconi last week played without the suspended Prskalo and without Ray Richards whose outspoken criticism of coach Rale Rasic in these pages last week earned him an official cold shoulder.

Even Easts Hakoah are still there with a slim hope of retaining their 1977 championship title.

They are only four points behind the leaders and, with six rounds to go, could edge closer to the top.

Two factors are in Hakoah's favor.

One is that they have a match in hand — against Brisbane City — which could bring them up to 25 points.

Then, of course, Hakoah are one of the "form" teams and noted good championship finishers.

If Marconi's slump continues and if the two Greek-based teams become even slightly erratic, Hakoah may just sneak home and defend their title.

To illustrate the incredible slump of Marconi, this is how the leading three teams have fared since round 9, the table showing the points they had week after week:

Round	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
West Adel.	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	24	26	27
Marconi	16	17	19	20	22	22	24	24	26	26	26	26
South Mel.	10	12	13	13	14	16	18	19	21	21	23	25

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West's skipper Peter Wilson seems to be shielding quite a few others in this picture; there is at left Marconi striker Mariani, at his chest level the bemused Stone and then, somewhere in the middle, the groping hands and peaked cap of young West goalie Woodhouse, with referee Tim Davies keeping an eye on this traffic jam. Western Suburbs handed out a 3-1 defeat to Marconi and Woodhouse, soon off to the USA with a Schoolboys team, was the young hero of his side.

FINES AND SLUGS BY PSL

The 1979 Philips League season will again start early, in March, while the Philips Cup will be played over several weekends, starting on Anzac Day.

These were among decisions taken last weekend at the PSL meeting in Adelaide.

The League also fined Marconi a total of \$1500 on two charges.

One, carrying a penalty of \$1000, was for breaching PSL rules by not making two players, Sharne and Degney, available for the national team against Greece.

A fine of \$500 was imposed on Marconi for failing to protect from the crowd a linesman in their recent home game against Hakoah.

The League also censured Marconi for their "provocative behaviour" recently in Brisbane—but fined Brisbane City \$300 for the assault by one of their officials on Marconi coach Rale Rasic.

However, all this sudden revenue still did not deter the League from ordering all 14 PSL clubs to pay the sum of \$3000 to the PSL office, this being the shortfall between the Philips sponsorship and the increased airfare charges.

It seems that with air fares again rising on all domestic routes, the League faces further problems to meet administrative costs.

The meeting also threw out a strong hint that as from next season, it will not accept grounds which don't have a proper and safe fence around the playing area.

Erskineville Oval in Sydney is likely to be the first victim of this ukase, though, judging by the regular "happy invasion" of the field at Hindmarsh and Middle Park, especially when Greek teams score, the League will have to do much more than insist on a 4ft-fence which even young boys can climb without raising a sweat.

Sydney Olympic, long suffering tenants of Erskineville Oval — where they can hardly ever play their home games — seems to have settled in well at Barton Park.

St. George are willing to take in Olympic as regular tenants next season.

However, instead of playing double-headers, the two teams would ask for a "reverse" draw from the PSL.

Olympic could do a lot worse than move to Barton Park which has perhaps the best playing surface in Sydney.

The park's grandstand building has already started and by next March it will seat some 4000 people in total comfort.

3 TO 7



— Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna —

South Sydney (Div. 7) is grateful to their first grade goalkeeper, Aaron Johansen, for his performance last Saturday, which helped his team hold Maccabi to a 2-2 draw. Despite a nagging leg injury after falling from a truck the previous week, he gave a courageous performance. South Sydney's first grade coach Linden Forrest was initiated into the role of reserve goalkeeper and later was heard to comment: "They didn't put it all in the text book."

Camden (Div. 6) report that the local Macarthur District Broadcasting Station, 2CT, is giving good soccer coverage. Secretary Ron Dines participated in their soccer discussion program conducted by Alan Street last Sunday. One of Camden's top goal scorers, Barry Spragg, will be missed over the next few weeks as he takes a business trip to England.

Baulkham Hills, at the top of Div. 4, are still undefeated. Last Sunday, in a rough game marred by cautions and injuries, the Hills side was lucky to scrape through with a 2-2 draw against Hurstville Zagreb. After trailing twice, the tremendous fighting spirit of the Hills players pulled the game up for a lucky draw.

Bad news and good news came from Padstow Park (Div. 4). Glenda Robertson, wife of Larry, team manager, gave birth recently to a daughter, Rachael. And among the players, Johnny Ford suffered a knee injury during a practice session and will be missing from the competition for several weeks.

Fairfield West player Glenn Fleck would be one of the unluckiest players around. Mid-season in '77, after forcing his way into first grade, he suffered a fractured ankle, putting him out of the game until recently. In his first match since, a friendly last Wednesday night against North

Sydney Inter, he fractured his other ankle!

How many second division clubs can match Bonnyrigg Eagles for spectator support? At St. John's Park last Sunday 564 people saw a thrilling match against Kingsford. The result, 3-0 for the Eagles.

Alan Street, coach of Campbelltown City, is continuing the good work on the local station 2CT. Last Sunday on air there was a discussion between officials of local soccer clubs on the subject of putting their efforts together to strengthen the Campbelltown side. The new club, which would hope to attain the status of first division, will be run through the joint efforts of all other contributing clubs. More discussions will follow. The people taking part on this program were Ron Dines, secretary of Camden; Col Bolton, president of Nepean, and Ray Clarke, vice-president of Campbelltown City.

Hurstville Zagreb were very pleased to receive 30 new sky blue tracksuits as a donation from George Kalinic, a devout club supporter. This is a fitting reward for Zagreb's recent performances of eight matches without defeat.

Bankstown Sports Club (Div. 7) members and players all enjoyed a harbour cruise last Saturday organised by the club.

Bonnyrigg Eagles first grade defender Ashor Daniel had a double celebration last weekend. On top of his team's victory against Kingsford, his wife Janet gave birth to a son. Ashor has already put a demand to the club that his son is to be a striker.

All fourth and fifth division clubs are asked to phone club news to Mr Emmanuel Kanna on (day) 662-0111 ext 497 (night) 50-7380; sixth and seventh division clubs to phone Mrs Val Hokin 604-3193.

AMATEURS

North Sutherland lifted the prestigious Robertson Cup for under 21 teams with a 3-2 win over Loftus Rovers last Sunday at Potts Park.

East Bankstown won the Amateur under 18 Cup with a 5-1 margin over Chulifra.

This Sunday's Amateur Cup final will be played out on the Crest No. 6 ground at 12.30pm between Orange and the winner of Pittwater RSL and Cronulla Seagulls.

Might it have been possible to make a feature of the final at Orange, rather than playing it at 12.30pm on an open area in the suburbs?

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CLUB PATROL

JIM BAYUTTI was appointed to the Cricket Ground Trust — in absentia. He is in Europe and won't be back until later this week. While it's pleasing that Bayutti was appointed, it's somewhat ironical that soccer's first representative on the Trust all but quit the game earlier this year.

A Marconi spokesman indicated that after his outspoken criticism of coach Rale Rasic, veteran RAY RICHARDS was unlikely to "kick a ball for us again".

Meanwhile, RALE RASIC denied stories that he had issued writs for libel against any Sydney daily newspapers. "All I asked for was a retraction of some incorrect statements," he said.

ST. GEORGE are in the midst of highly confidential negotiations with a potential sponsor for a very substantial backing. All they are prepared to say at this stage is that the company is not connected with either tobacco or with drinks of any kind.

After a storm of publicity, Manly coach RICHARD ALAGICH was forced to resign. Earlier Alagich revealed that he had tried to motivate his players by showing them film clips of Nazi atrocities, including Jewish extermination camps. While his motives might have been impeccable, Alagich probably overstepped the borders of good taste.

Newcastle has a city behind it

— By Keith Gilmour —

Over 100,000 spectators will have been pulled through the turnstiles by Newcastle United by the time the final whistle blows this year.

This is a phenomenal record for a club new to the Philips League, especially one so modestly placed on the table.

It will better the 99,732 drawn by the top 1977 club, Adelaide City.

We asked Newcastle club president Max Talbot about his club's achievement.

He commented freely, whilst pointing out that the views expressed were not given on behalf of the club's board of directors.

Q: Are Newcastle's crowds correctly stated?

A: They are spot on. We are responsible to the International Sports Centre for their share of the gates. We could go to court on the figures any day.

Q: What is Newcastle United's crowd drawing potential?

A: We believe it will range from 6000 to 12,000 at present depending upon the standard of the opposition. We are well aware that in our first year we are near the bottom of the ladder and have a long way to go in this regard.

Q: What methods do you use to attract your crowds?

A: The reason for our success is not only soccer. People support Newcastle — their city. It is their side and their city and they have good reason to be proud of them both.

Q: What do you think of promotion and relegation?

A: I see it as having no positive value at this stage. The only time that it could be relevant is when we have built big clubs nationally.

Q: Why is this?

A: Because priorities have to be set so that funds are used for their best purpose, which is promotion of the clubs, rather than putting in too much to avoid relegation. So much work is needed to promote the game if clubs are to attract their lifeblood, which is large numbers of people.

Q: Could you expand further?

A: We need a consolidation

North Sydney Inter's young, dynamic president, SAM GIUNTA, lost his father recently, and has the deepest sympathies not only from members of the club but from all soccer fans.

The old "scourge" of Sutherland, the lack of scoring power, is beginning to rear its ugly head once again, and coach JOHN WATKISS is more than a little perplexed by the possibility. It seems the trouble has stemmed from the injury to powerhouse midfielder PAUL SMITH, who will be out for at least another month with a broken foot.

Yugal supporters wishing to make the trip down to Queanbeyan with their team on Sunday, August 6, when YUGAL play MONARO, should get in contact with the club secretary at matches for bus tickets. The bus will leave from the club at 7am on the day of the game, and should return to Sydney by midnight.

Bankstown have signed up former Marrickville Olympic striker BILL ANGELOPOULOS to add firepower to the forward line. Bill spent the past year in Greece, and on his return to Australia asked for a transfer from his old club.

A highly successful "Soccer Night" was held at the AUBURN Soccer Supporters' Club last week, with players, members and officials and their wives and girlfriends all getting together to create a friendly atmosphere within the club.

North Sydney Inter officials were living on their nerves for a few weeks recently until a council decision was made over who would lease North Sydney Oval. The North Sydney Rugby League Club applied to the council to lease the ground, which would have meant that the soccer club would have had to apply to the rugby club to use the field. This would not have been the most pleasing of situations, but as it turned out the council reconsidered an early favorable motion to the rugby club, and decided they would run the ground themselves, as the oval is the only large "stadium" on the North Shore and is used by many schools and other sports.

Sutherland's goalkeeper MAL HAYNES is at present trying to regain fitness after a couple of months in and out of hospital over a cartilage operation. Mal first had the cartilages removed from one knee, but after a while the blood began to clot around the area, and so he had to be re-admitted to clean the wound. Now JOHN WATKISS feels that Mal should make steady progress towards fitness and could be ready within a month.

Yugal's RON DELANEY missed last week's match through a sprained ankle, but should be fit for this weekend.

Marrickville Olympic is bracing itself for the coming weeks when the ranks will be thinned out. Already the club has lost JOHN KARASPYROS, sold to Sydney Olympic, and Bill Angelopoulos to Bankstown. The next loss, though not a permanent one, will be youngster PETER KATHOLOS who will leave on August 6 with the schools' team that is going to tour the USA.

Another excellent break for soccer on the AIRWAVES comes now on Sunday nights at 11pm, when 2EA presents 30 minutes about the code, with results and interviews.

YUGAL, still reshaping their image after last season's disastrous performance, have gained some valuable sponsorship from two companies. One is the well known Yugoslav airline, JAT, already involved with the Melbourne team Footscray, and the other company is Pacific Gorenje, marketers of refrigerators and freezers. The sponsorship extends until the end of 1978 then further options may be taken up.

Two birthdays in the Bankstown camp: CHRIS ROOTSEY, the left back in first grade, turned 21 last Monday week, while the stopper, DAVE MORRISON, was 23 last Friday.

Although last week's break from competition football caused some upset in the Auburn camp,

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disrupting the team's rhythm as it did, some good came out of it all. JOHN McDONALD, the busy midfielder, was suffering from a pulled hamstring muscle, so the week's lay off should see him in action this weekend.

Marrickville Olympic were very disappointed that their striker JIM BRYDEN decided to quit the club after only three outings. Jim, who scored two goals in those few games, proved himself as a striker of considerable worth, and Mv. Olympic would dearly love another player who could stick them away with such venom. It seems that Jim returned to play for his old club in the amateur league possibly hoping to win selection for a future Australian amateur team.

Second Division club BELMORE have successfully appealed against a Federation ruling which took a point off them and gave it to Polonia earlier in the year. They won the point back and now have 16 points.

Two "old timers" out of soccer for some time came back last week to rescue Bankstown from the big drop. GERRY MESTRUM and ROGER BAMFORTH, both of whom had experiences with coaching, took over the team last week after Alec Kent resigned.

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FITZROY: Blasby 3, Selemidis 3, Provan 3, O'Reilly 3, Tansey 3, Bannion 3, Taylor 3, Campbell 4, Bozidakas (Micevski: 35m, 2), Cole 3, Buljevic 3.

Goal: 0-1 Marinello (85m). **Referee:** N. Karlich. **Crowd:** 400.

Cautions: Davies.

Fitzroy's lack of reserves proved costly on Sunday when defender Racovalis was transferred to Collingwood City and useful midfielder Joe Trent to Croydon City. And while coach John Margatilis stood grim-faced and tight-lipped after Canberra had inflicted their second consecutive beating, his counterpart John Warren greeted their first ever win in Melbourne with an emotional burst of cheers and waves to his players.

Canberra's narrow win was the culmination of their relentless efforts and determination against a lethargic Fitzroy. Under blustery conditions but favored by the toss, Canberra took advantage of the strong wind in the opening half and played powerfully with Marinello spearheading the forwards. However, it was Brian Stoddart who led his team to victory with his constant creations and brilliant defensive work. He had great support from his backline where Tony

Canberra City

1 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 5, Moulis 4, Milovanovic 4, Brown 4, Heywood 2 (Gruicic: 46m), Davies 3, Cant 4, **Henderson** 5, Byrne 4, **Stoddart** 5, **Marinello** 5.

Henderson stood firm as a tower, blotting Gary Cole out of the game. In the end, it was Tilsed's brilliance that helped Canberra to both points. Reinstated after a week's spell, Tilsed brought off some acrobatic saves, denying Fitzroy the lead. While Canberra fought with zest Fitzroy proved to be a team of wanderers with little involvement in the game. Campbell's exploits failed to alert his team-mates. It was only in the last 15 minutes that Fitzroy gained a bit of composure and applied pressure on their guests.

Marinello, the little Canberra striker, must have left Australia with the fondest of memories. The witty wee Scot picked up a long clearance on the centre line, outplayed Selemidis, breezed into the penalty box and superbly sidefooted his shot for a magnificent farewell present which, at the same time, deservedly sank the hosts.

— CON NIKOLOPOULOS

St. George

2 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 2, Utjesenovic 4, Coates 3, J. O'Shea 4, Harris 3, Grosse 4, Terry 2, Morgan 2, O'Connor 3, Hensman 2 (Djurisic 59m), R. O'Shea 3.

Goals: 1-0 Morgan (5m), 1-1 Hughes (18m), 1-2 Hughes (64m), 2-2 Grosse (84m). **Referee:** W. Jones. **Crowd:** 4953.

Two mis-headers from lanky Saints' striker New Morgan resulted in St. George being able to snatch a draw from a busy Lions side. First Morgan outjumped the defence and headed down a cross, to see the ball bounce up sharply into the roof of the Lions' net, and then with barely six minutes to go, Morgan just managed to get a head to Utjesenovic's freekick, allowing Grosse to score, again with a header. In the intervening 80-odd minutes Lions looked by far the more polished side, holding the ball in midfield and defence if gaps didn't appear, and not wasting possession with such gay abandon as the Saints players.

Morris, Neale and Laslo were all creative and industrious in midfield, while only John O'Shea could be placed alongside them from Saints. Coates again disappointed, contributing precious little in imagination or determination. Both Bennett and Hermiston played excellent games, but when Hughes had put his side ahead, these two

Brisbane Lions

2 (1)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 3, L. Wilson 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Neale 3, Potter 4, Laslo 3, Amos 3 (G. Wilson 87m), Hughes 4, Morris 4.

decided to try and put up the shutters and hold out for the 20-odd minutes. This was Lions' big mistake, as it allowed freedom for both Utjesenovic and Grosse to roam upfield.

As it turned out they were both involved in the equaliser, but more than this, Utjesenovic finally put to use his fine attacking sense and Saints showed some purpose in the final 15 minutes. Hughes for Lions was a constant menace up front, and from the three or four clear chances he had he scored twice, in true goal-poacher style.

St. George still lack a main striker of PSL standard, with Morgan being far too slow, and Hensman and O'Connor really only wingers. Robert O'Shea, for so long thrust up front as a makeshift striker, was recalled to midfield but had a poor game, while Peter Terry was caused all kinds of bother by Hughes and Laslo, both of whom worked several fine moves along the Saints' left flank.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Syd. Olympic

1 (1)

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Luckett 3, Wilson 3, Markland 4, Cross 3, Laing 3, Jamieson 3, Allan 3, Pirie 3, **Ainslie** 5.

Goals: 1-0 Ainslie (22m), 1-1 Boden (77m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 4953 (double-header). **Cautions:** McIntosh, Ainslie.

It was fitting that the goals in the game were credited to Olympic's Allan Ainslie and Newcastle's Ken Boden. Both were by miles the two most skilful players in the match. Ainslie's goal came in the 22nd minute from a left-foot drive that was destined for the bottom left-hand corner from the split-second that it left his boot. It was Boden who almost had the equaliser seven minutes later. Curran centred with a low ball and Olympic were fortunate indeed that Gary Meier's great reflex save cut off a near certain goal from what could be described as a delicately-taken low scissors kick from Boden, who had his back to the goal.

The actual equaliser came 13 minutes from the end. Curran crossed from the left right to the far post and Boden outwitted the defence to cut a glorious header back across goal and into the net. Throughout the game Newcastle's resolve enabled

Newcastle

1 (0)

NEWCASTLE: Dando 3, Willis 3, Endacott 3, Mason 4, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 3, Sneddon 3, Catalovski (Tredinnick 20m 3), **Boden** 5, Curran 4, Ainslie 3.

them to create three times as many scoring chances as the Sydneysiders, but apart from Boden they lacked the skill to finish off.

The Olympic team generally had more ability, but their play was far too flat on the day and nothing like what they had turned on over the previous three wins. In fact, both teams came in fits and starts. They would string together some good passes and then give the ball away.

The biggest disappointment on the day was Billy Pirie. He never really got into the game — a strange situation for a player who has once again proved on a short visit that he has more dynamism than most players who come here. Olympic coach Joe Marston was more than satisfied with a point, but no doubt during the week he will emphasise that he expects much more concentration against Lions at Perry Park on Sunday.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Brisbane City

3 (2)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Iozzelli 3, **Perry** 5, Tokesi 3, Kibbey 3, Pimblett 3, Echeverria 3 (Caldwell: 65m), Gaffney 3, Ratcliffe 3, Marley 4 (Johnson: 78m), Keiso 4.

Goals: 0-1 Cummings (9m), 1-1 Marley (21m), 2-1 Keiso (26m), 2-2 Christopolous (36m), 2-3 Campbell (47m), 2-4 Evans (70m), 3-4 Perry (90m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 2100. **Cautions:** Caldwell, Kibbey.

One would need a full page of our paper to write about all the worthwhile things that took place in this match. Both goalkeepers, despite the score, had more than their fair share of great saves and the crowd was fully entertained by a match that, rather curiously, saw both teams have peak periods of really top class performance alternating with low periods when certain individuals appeared to lose interest in the proceedings while "resting". Dave McLaren has made some shrewd moves on the market and the trading of Ollerton for the purchasing power that enabled Evans to slot in has given the side a fluid, sweet moving look that we in Brisbane have never before seen from South Melbourne.

Young Christopolous, a good boy this, started the action when he slotted a great ball through the defence for Cummings to casually slide home. For 20 minutes the southerners treated us to some delightful football but the next six minutes saw a weakness exposed. Such was the extent of their free, forward moving momentum, that suddenly Echeverria spotted a man for man situation at the back and sent Keiso away to rocket a shot off the bar only to find the onrushing Marley

Sth. Melbourne

4 (2)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 4, Pye 4, Baxter 4, Kalafaditis 4, Hagegmaniouel 3, Christopolous 4, Rodgers 3, Wright 3, Campbell 4, Evans 4, Cummings 3.

chesting it home. Five minutes later Keiso himself bulldozed his way through a rather inspired defence and netted. City now looked really good and the Melbourne defence looked anything but confident. Then Evans showed all his experience when he popped up in a huge space on City's left, got the ball, hared down the wing and crossed hard and low for young Christopolous to net.

Half-time was a release from excitement but three minutes after the restart we were off again with a wonderfully worked set piece which saw Evans nod down to Campbell who netted from close in. Play now became a bit untidy and it was no surprise when the more professional Souths had another set piece payola when the onrushing Evans picked up a ball that Wishart had palmed out. Campbell had sent in the shot.

City now staged one of their famous grandstand finishes and when Campbell was dispossessed in midfield a through ball found Johnson bearing in on goal. He crashed in a shot and Reilly did well to stop it but only pushed it out to the little dynamic sweeper Perry who had run the length of the field in support. Steve made no mistake.

— JIM BINNIE

Adelaide City

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ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohus 4, Yung 3, Besir 4, Lister 5, Perin 3, Muniz 3, Deans 3, Marwe 2 (Marocchi: 54m), J. Nyskohus 4, Northcote 4.

Goal: 0-1 Trenter (28m). **Referee:** C. Bambridge (Vic.). **Crowd:** 5602. **Cautions:** Muniz, Campbell.

This match provided the most dismal spectacle of the Adelaide Philips League season. Almost 6000 fans, including the PSL management committee, braved the bitterly cold winds expecting City to reproduce their "Marconi" form, but any resemblance of that august body to the City side which flourished on Sunday was purely coincidental. However, full credit must go to Hakoah for their expert handling of the conditions to grab two points and remain in contention to retain their title. The blame for the game failing to entertain must rest squarely with City who were unable to take advantage of the strong wind in the second half. Easts, it could be said, also failed to fully exploit the elements when they only led by a goal at the interval, but their defence was far more composed than City's when they had the wind against them. The match winning goal came after a chapter of defensive accidents, but it was fitting that big Mark Trenter should have been the man responsible for the success with one of his telling headers. Trenter came into Hakoah's line-up to cover for suspended fullback Kevin Mulien and was an instant success. City was forced into a last minute change because of a hamstring injury to Jimbo Muir, while doubt over the fitness of Gary Marocchi and Murray Barnes meant that both teams had an Australian international on their reserve bench. Marocchi dispelled queries about his suspect ankle by lifting City when he replaced Robert Marwe for the final 36 minutes, but his efforts were insufficient to break Hakoah's grip.

Former Beograd and SA goalkeeper Todd Clarke, although by no means under constant siege, played a significant role in Hakoah's win. He placed the City defence under pressure with long wind-assisted clearances in the first

Easts Hakoah

1 (0)

EASTS HAKOAH: Clarke 5, Trenter 5, Thomson 4, O'Connor 3, Mowbray 4, Stevenson 4, Watson 4, Souness 4, Campbell 3, Smith 3, Silva 4.

half and made two vital saves. The first two minutes after Hakoah had scored, was a gem as Clarke dived spectacularly to clutch a sizzling drive from Johnny Nyskohus. The second was a fine near post effort from a stinging long shot by fullback Fred Yung. City were unlucky seven minutes from full-time when Dixie Deans accepted a return pass from Agenor Muniz only to rap the post with a solid shot. But, alas, these were isolated highlights of a game crammed with "lowlights" of indecisive build-ups and meekly surrendered passes to the opposition from both sides with City the principal offenders. It's a pity that the match provided so little fodder for the Channel 0-10 cameras. Editing of the video-tape should prove a simple task, particularly since there will be no need to search for a "goal-of-the-month".

— ALLAN CRISP

West. Suburbs

3 (2)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Wodehouse 5, Skellern 3, Turnbull 3, Rowden 4, Wilson 3, Harding 2, Stone 4, O'Donnell 2, Fisher 4, Eaton 3, Vernon 3.

Goals: 1-0 Fisher (23m), 2-0 Fisher (40m), 2-1 Vieri (41m, pen), 3-1 Vernon (85m). **Referee:** T. Davies. **Crowd:** 2126.

Western Suburbs hustled, hustled and tackled Marconi so much out of their stride that they became a mere shadow of the fluent attacking unit seen earlier in the year. Had Eaton converted a fifth minute penalty instead of slamming it over the bar, the match could have been well and truly over at halftime. Marconi have lost all cohesion and teamwork up front, while their midfielders make more sideways moves than forward progress.

Degney led them into attack with his strong overlapping runs more often than did passes from Vieri and Rooney. Rowden removed one of the Marconi mainsprings with his effective marking of Sharne and with Ollerton rarely seen until late in the game, Marconi simply had no striking power. Wodehouse had nothing to do in the first 45 minutes but more than earned his keep in the second half

Marconi

1 (1)

MARCONI: Maher 3, Jones 3 (Berry: 46m), Degney 4, Russell 3 (Selvage: 52m), Brogan 3, Jankovics 3, Ollerton 2, Vieri 3, Rooney 3, Mariani 3, Sharne 2.

with a show of brilliance aided by a touch of luck.

Fisher capitalised on a bad Marconi defensive error to score the first and was on hand to finish off a good move between Vernon and the irrepressible Stone for the second. Vieri's penalty a minute later put new heart into Marconi, for the next 25 minutes they bombarded the West goal. A few chances were scraped off the line or saved by Wodehouse but the main culprit was always the last pass which was either inaccurate or slow.

Towards the end, with Marconi now desperate, Wests staged some fast sorties. Eaton, Vernon and Stone were always eager to run at the Marconi goal. Finally Vernon sealed the game when his 15-metre drive which scraped in under the diving Maher's body.

— ROGER DEWICK

Footscray

2 (0)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, **Kazi** 5, Lujic 5, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 3, Ilioski 5, Rujevic 3, Piccione 3, Palinkas 4, Vasic 4, **Ristovski** 5.

Goals: 1-0 Kriaris (49m), 2-0 Vasic (58m), 2-1 Jones (64m), 2-2 McGregor (73m). **Referee:** J. Dixon. **Crowd:** 1000. **Sent off:** Norris.

The match, after which East Adelaide grabbed the lead in the PSL, really could have gone either way as both teams persisted with an attacking strategy from beginning to end. The only real blemish on this fast, entertaining game was the

West Adelaide

2 (0)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, Tymczyszyn 2, **Reynolds** 5, Kambas 3, Jones 3, **McGachey** 5, Boyle 3, Bozanic 4, Norris 1, Honeyman 3, **McGregor** 5.

expulsion of Graham Norris after 50 minutes for repeated fouls. He had already been booked halfway into the first half for a foul on Lujic, then sent off for another crude foul on Kriaris.

Both teams produced some fine football with Footscray always looking the more skilful of the teams. However, it was West Adelaide which took the initiative through Reynolds and Bozanic, both having blockmaster shots saved by Boland. Vasic was once again the cool mastermind for Footscray, but for all his scheming Footscray struggled for a long time to score.

Finally, it was Kriaris who showed his strikers how it should be done with an explosive run from midfield before beating Crook. West Adelaide became frustrated and when reduced to 10 men, Vasic increased the hosts' lead. But despite this West Adelaide: the eternal fighters, never gave up.

Captain McGachey was involved in both goals. Before the first he sent over a fine corner to Reynolds who rose well and set it up for Jones. The equaliser was just as well executed when McGachey sent a great throughball to McGregor who split the Footscray defence before beating Boland.

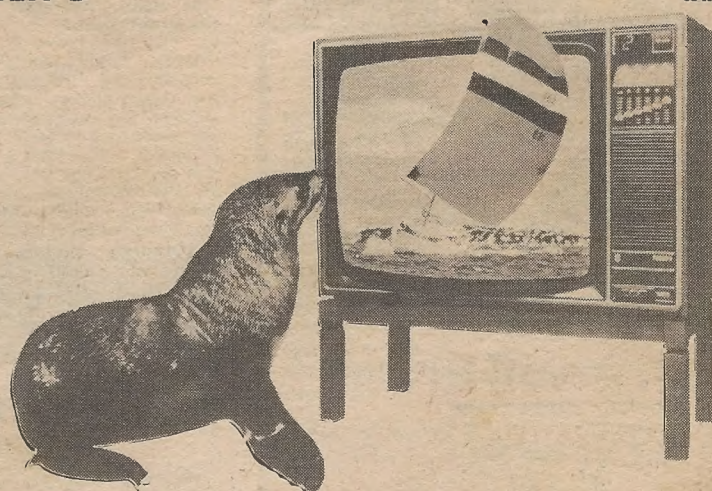
TOP SCORERS

C. Eaton (Wests)	10
Fisher (Wests)	10
Campbell (Fitzroy)	9
Boden (Newcastle)	9
Vieri (Marconi)	9
Cole (Fitzroy)	8
Gruicic (Canberra)	8
Jankovics (Marconi)	8
Ollerton (Marconi)	8
Hughes (Lions)	8
O'Connor (St. George)	7
Campbell (Hakoah)	6
J. Nyskohus (Ad. City)	6
Sharne (Marconi)	6
Silva (Hakoah)	6
Pirie (Olympic)	6
Byrne (Canberra)	6
Ainslie (Olympic)	6
Cummings (Sth. Melb.)	6
McGregor (West Adel.)	6
Marley (Bris. City)	6

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P
1 (2) WEST ADELAIDE	20	12	3	5	32 23 27	9	6	—	3	17 12 12	11	6	3	2	15 11 15
2 (1) MARCONI	20	11	4	5	41 25 26	10	7	1	2	27 13 15	10	4	3	3	14 12 11
3 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE ..	20	9	7	4	33 24 25	10	5	3	2	18 10 13	10	4	4	2	15 14 12
4 (4) E.S. HAKOAH	19	9	5	5	34 20 23	9	4	2	3	14 8 10	10	5	3	2	20 12 13
5 (5) FITZROY	20	7	7	6	31 29 21	10	5	3	2	17 9 13	10	2	4	4	14 20 8
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	20	6	9	5	28 28 21	9	3	5	1	11 9 11	11	3	4	4	17 19 10
7 (8) WESTERN SUBURBS ..	20	7	6	7	35 36 20	10	4	4	2	19 15 12	10	3	2	5	16 21 8
8 (7) ADELAIDE CITY	20	7	4	9	28 28 18	11	5	2	4	18 12 12	9	2	2	5	10 16 6
9 (9) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	20	6	6	8	27 34 18	10	2	3	5	13 17 7	10	4	3	3	14 17 11
10 (10) FOOTSCRAY	20	5	7	8	19 28 17	10	1	3	6	10 16 5	10	4	4	2	9 12 12
11 (11) NEWCASTLE	20	4	8	8	26 33 16	10	2	4	4	15 17 8	10	2	4	4	20 16 8
12 (14) CANBERRA	20	3	10	7	21 32 16	10	1	8	1	14 15 10	10	2	2	6	7 17 6
13 (13) ST. GEORGE	20	6	3	11	25 32 15	10	4	1	5	14 15 9	10	2	2	6	9 14 6
14 (12) BRISBANE CITY	19	6	3	10	24 32 15	11	4	2	5	13 16 10	8	2	1	5	11 16 5



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Hakoah set to give title last big shake

Beset with internal troubles both on and off the field, Marconi this week face another mammoth task in taking on the high flying South Melbourne at Bossley Park.

Marconi made it five losses out of seven games last week when they were thrashed by Western Suburbs, and it seems possible that they will again be beaten.

South Melbourne have won their past two matches, scoring eight goals in the process, as well as looking a class side throughout.

The mighty midget, George Campbell, now joined by Alun Evans, should be busy and creative enough to outplay a Marconi team that is fraught with tensions.

The only real hope for Marconi is that Jankovics may regain full fitness, yet it is surely hoping for a lot to place the full burden on his shoulders when other, more experienced players litter Marconi's ranks.

Newcastle United, seemingly beaten and out of it last week, staged a dramatic revival in the last 15 minutes and could so easily have even grabbed the winner.

Followed by a tremendous group of supporters all the way from Newcastle, making the trip in five coaches, Newcastle proved they have the fighting spirit to cause shocks.

Kenny Boden is a fine ball playing forward, and if he can score goals like last week's on a regular basis, then the "KBers" should cause even Adelaide City trouble.

Adelaide, once the epitome of elegant, winning football in Australia, have faltered badly in recent weeks, losing three from four games.

Dixie Deans has been almost totally blotted out of most matches, an unfortunate feature for the fans, but unavoidable from a manager's point of view.

Both teams can, and occasionally do, play attractive football, so a close match is tipped, and a Newcastle home win is a possibility.

The conquerors of Marconi in the past two weeks, Hakoah and Western Suburbs, meet this weekend in a clash which,

in the PSL so far, has always provided entertaining games.

Hakoah, following their excellent 1-0 victory over Adelaide City, and with a game in hand, are poised to streak away from Fitzroy and so seal the fate of the vital fourth position — or even go higher.

This match brings together some of the finest attackers in the game, with Clive Eaton, especially, standing out as the league's top scorer.

Others to mention are the moody but brilliant Ernie Campbell, the gazelle-like Hilton Silva, the poised but deadly Terry Smith, and the young and tenacious Alan Fisher, all playing for two teams that score goals regularly.

A win to Hakoah would be the logical result, but Wests may care nothing for logic.

Fitzroy, now with two losses on the trot behind them, will hope to reverse that unhealthy trend when they take on the still struggling St. George at Middle Park.

Fitzroy's record so far this season against the lower teams is not good, having drawn with Newcastle, Canberra and lost to the Saints in the first round.

Buljevic and Co. seem to have run dry up front after such a promising spell, and it seems that after relying so heavily on Buljevic, Boziskas and Campbell to produce the goods, Fitzroy have little to fall back on in lean times.

The scene at St. George is little better, and it is distressing to see such a fine club side disintegrate before your very eyes as they lose the last remaining strands of the old Saints style.

At the heart of the defence, it is only Brendan Grosse who holds the pieces together, with Utjesenovic mainly being a creator, while in midfield John O'Shea has been called upon to take a large burden.

This match is anyone's on present form, but, because of their

higher placing, Fitzroy would have to be favored to win.

The "Ainslie Athenians" travel north this weekend to take on the Lions in their den at Perry Park for a clash that could really tighten up things around the fourth and fifth positions.

Olympic gained their fifth point in three weeks, due largely to that much quoted Ainslie left foot, when the effervescent Scot whipped home a 20-metre shot on the run for the Sydney team's only goal in a draw with Newcastle.

Ainslie was less dominant in the team than in previous weeks, but then the whole side, after such a promising opening first half, lacked the energy to keep up the pace.

Lions, spearheaded by their powerhouse striker Alan Hughes, his curly mane marking him as the "chief Lion", played some creative and calculating football against St. George and could have held out for a win at 2-1.

Their mistake was to try and defend for the last 15 minutes, allowing Saints to fight back.

Both Lions and Olympic like to attack, and although both sets of defences contain big, powerful men, they can be easily beaten, and therefore goals should abound.

A win to the Sydney team is my tip.

Footscray, recovering somewhat from the hiding they had received the week before, gained a draw with the new PSL leaders, Westad, last Sunday, and now take on a revitalised Canberra.

Footscray can play "beautiful" football, but are also a team which can fold if put under enough pressure and not favored "indly by Lady Luck".

Canberra have decided to throw off the drawing habit, now that they have found winning is more pleasurable, and may even make victories their new wont.

A draw is the most likely result here, though if their spirits have been sufficiently roused, Canberra may just be able to pull off the hat trick.

West Adelaide, now the clear-cut leaders for the first time, must surely feel proud of their achievement, after hauling themselves almost halfway up the table to knock off the "Invincibles".

Westad's success could be basically put down to a combination of outstanding individuals who play to a simple system but they do this with nearly 100% efficiency.

McGregor, Honeyman and Boyle are non-stop workers, while Norris and Pillans are dangerous merely by their presence, allowing others to get into space to score. Alas, this time they will miss the suspended Norris.

Also at the back is the brilliant captain McGachey, the livewire adventurer Reynolds, the wily old fox Kambas, and Jones and Tymczyszyn, two Australian lads loaded with talent and getting the chance at Westad to use it.

Their opponents this week are Brisbane City, the new wooden-spooners, who have plummeted unbelievably into last place after a run of abysmal results and performances.

In this top versus bottom clash there should surely be no surprises and a healthy victory to Westad is my tip.

Brisbane

Another two clubs have been accepted for next year's proposed State League, the magical potion that will be the cure for all ills, according to some, St. George, a Greek-based local First Division side and Frenchville, from Rockhampton, are the latest successful aspirants. They join other Brisbane teams Southside Eagles, Grange Thistle, Mt. Gravatt and Ipswich club, Ipswich United, as the "local" entrants. Townsville have also been included, so it could be said the League is now well into the feasibility stage.

PSL clubs City and Lions must surely be talking seriously to their bank managers, as the continued drift in their "gates" must surely be a worrying factor. The crowds are now barely scraping the 2000 mark and this sort of revenue is just not sufficient to make the running of a PSL club a going concern. For years the two clubs enjoyed the benefits of the true ethnic support, always there while the clubs were top dogs, not so keen when the chips were down. Now, with improved standards but less victories only the diehard true supporters are left.

— J. BINNIE

Melbourne

South Melbourne welcome another import on Monday morning, the Scotsman Frank Munro. The tall, solid defender, despite the weight of his 30 years, retains the guile that established him among Scotland's top seeded players.

From Aberdeen Munro moved to Wolves, where he played 300 games, before joining Celtic.

He was capped nine times with the Scottish U 23 national side.

Another import joins South Melbourne on the 26th of the month. Swedish 22-year-old Herby Bergman. He is known as a talented, extremely fast striker.

South Melbourne have placed on the transfer list Christ Kent (ex-Ringwood City), Peter Vaughan (ex-Mooroolbark), and McGuinness (ex-Hakoah).

Fitzroy's former captain Rakovalis

was sold to Metro League club Collingwood City, and mid-fielder Joe Tront to Croydon City.

South Melbourne are negotiating with Olympiakos of Piraeus (Greece) for a series of games in Australia around Christmas time.

The latest reports suggest a potential agreement depending on the dates proposed by the local team.

— C. NIKOLOPOULOS

Canberra

An enthusiastic group of supporters welcomed the Canberra City squad back from Melbourne on Sunday night. Former Federal Treasurer Phil Lynch must have wondered just how low his recent out-of-town had become after weaving his way unnoticed through this airport meeting.

Fullbacks Danny Morris and Mike Arvanovic, members of the Australian Schoolboys touring side, received their gear in Melbourne on Sunday. Coach Bobby McLachlan presented them with their track suits, shirts, shorts, socks and Argentina '78 boots. The two youngsters will leave with the rest of the squad on August 7 for the USA after playing their last game against Marconi in Sydney.

Defender Gary Parker left the country suddenly last week, no doubt hoping to play in the new English season. However, a transfer fee would have to be paid to Canberra City first. Another defender, Roy Stark, is temporarily out of action after a groin injury in training.

— CHRIS KUNZ

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SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE



West. Subs. v St. Geo. Dragons
Newcastle v Marconi Raiders
East. Hakoah v Olympic
Marconi Cornets v St. Geo. Colts

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West. Suburbs	8	—	3	42	8	16
Marconi Raiders	7	2	2	23	12	16
Newcastle	6	3	4	39	20	15
St. Geo. Dragons	6	2	3	17	15	14
East. Hakoah	5	3	4	24	21	13
Marconi Cornets	4	4	4	29	13	12
Syd. Olympic	5	2	6	23	18	12
St. Geo. Colts	3	4	5	25	27	10
Western NSW	—	—	13	11	99	—

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE

Olympic v St. George Dragons, 4-0
Marconi Raiders v Western Suburbs, 1-0
St. George Colts v Western NSW, 7-1
Newcastle v Marconi Cornets, 1-1
East. Hakoah, bye.

NEXT WEEKEND:

Wentworth Park, 11am, Sunday
Int. Sp. Centre, 12 noon, Saturday
Wentworth Park, 3pm, Saturday
Bossley Park, 1pm, Sunday

Bye: Western NSW

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Newcastle v Adel. City I.S.C., 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Hakoah v West. Sub. Wentworth, 3pm
Fitzroy v St. George Middle Park, 3pm
Lions v Olympic Perry Park, 3pm
Footscray v Canberra Schintler, 3pm
West Adel. v Bris. City Hindmarsh, 2.30pm
Marconi v Sth. Melb. Marconi, 3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Canberra v Brisbane City . . . Bruce Stadium, 3pm
Sth. Melbourne v Easts Hakoah . . . Middle Pk, 3pm

SUNDAY, JULY 30

West. Suburbs v Adelaide City . . . Wentworth, 3pm
Easts Hakoah v Bris. City Wentworth, 1pm
St. George v Footscray Barton, 3pm
West Adelaide v Marconi Hindmarsh, 2.30pm
Olympic v Fitzroy Erskineville, 3pm
Brisbane Lions v Newcastle Utd . . . Perry Park, 3pm

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TUESDAY, JULY 25: Euchre Night.

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FRIDAY, JULY 21: MARK BLUETT — 8.00pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 22: Talent Quest — 4th Heat, 8.00pm.

SUNDAY, JULY 23: Disco — 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: Disco — 7.30pm.

Book now for Hungarian Comedians KABOS LASZLO and CSALA ZSUZSA — August 12 and 18. Booking fee \$5.00.

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NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Croatia	13	—	2	35	7 26
Monaro	8	4	3	29	18 20
Sutherland	9	2	4	22	11 20
Melita	10	—	5	26	17 20
APIA	8	3	6	23	15 19
Auburn	7	2	5	31	17 16
Toongabbie	5	6	5	17	17 16
Mv. Olympic	6	3	7	19	19 15
Yugai	6	2	6	23	28 14
Manly	4	6	7	17	34 14
Avala	4	2	7	14	20 10
Granville	3	3	9	14	28 9
Arncliffe	2	3	11	8	29 7
Bankstown	2	2	11	13	31 6

DIV. 1, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Manly	12	2	2	38	10 26
Sutherland	10	1	4	44	13 21
Croatia	10	1	4	33	16 21
Granville	9	3	4	28	17 21
Arncliffe	8	4	3	36	11 20
APIA	8	3	4	20	16 19
Auburn	7	1	5	28	15 15
Melita	6	3	4	20	19 15
Mv. Olympic	5	4	6	22	26 14
Toongabbie	3	4	8	17	27 10
Yugai	4	1	10	15	35 9
Avala	3	—	11	16	33 6
Bankstown	2	1	12	12	42 5
Monaro	2	1	12	12	52 5

DIV. 1, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Sutherland	9	4	1	32	8 22
Manly	10	1	3	30	17 21
Granville	7	3	3	18	11 17
Arncliffe	7	3	4	23	18 17
APIA	7	2	5	22	17 16
Bankstown	5	3	6	19	21 13
Melita	5	2	6	10	15 12
Avala	5	2	7	17	26 12
Croatia	3	5	3	14	15 11
Yugai	2	5	7	23	28 9
Toongabbie	3	3	7	18	26 9
Auburn	3	1	7	8	16 7
Mv. Olympic	2	2	10	5	26 4

DIV. 2, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Ku-ring-gai	12	3	1	42	13 27
Revesby	10	4	2	31	20 24
Blacktown	10	3	3	36	13 23
Polonia	6	7	2	31	19 20
Uni. of NSW	8	1	7	39	28 17
Belmore	5	6	5	22	19 16
Warringah	6	3	7	22	19 15
NS-Inter	5	3	5	21	23 13
Gladesville	3	4	8	23	38 12
Queens Park	2	1	10	29	47 11
Guildford	2	2	10	21	37 6
Marrickville	1	3	12	17	53 5

DIV. 2, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Uni. of NSW	12	2	1	41	16 26
Belmore	12	3	1	36	15 26
Ku-ring-gai	10	4	1	42	18 24
Gladesville	8	3	5	33	19 19
Blacktown	7	3	5	32	21 17
Revesby	7	3	5	27	21 17
Polonia	5	5	5	28	23 15
Marrickville	3	4	9	24	45 10
NS-Inter	3	3	7	20	30 9
Warringah	2	3	10	16	40 7
Guildford	1	4	8	15	27 6
Queens Park	2	2	11	14	45 6

DIV. 2, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Belmore	10	5	2	43	12 25
Blacktown	10	4	2	37	14 24
Warringah	10	4	2	25	10 24
Gladesville	11	2	3	40	11 24
Ku-ring-gai	11	1	3	33	13 23
Polonia	7	2	6	31	21 16
Revesby	6	2	7	33	23 14
Queens Park	3	3	8	20	25 9
NS-Inter	4	1	8	10	24 9
Uni. of NSW	3	3	9	17	43 9
Guildford	3	1	10	16	28 7
Marrickville	—	1	15	9	62 1

DIV. 3, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Nepean	14	2	1	61	21 30
Bathurst	13	2	2	39	11 28
Yagoona	10	3	3	34	19 23
West Ryde	6	6	5	23	22 18
Yagoona	4	7	6	26	34 15
Port Hacking	5	4	6	29	35 14
Lethbridge	5	3	7	21	22 13
Lane Cove	5	3	8	19	24 13
Gladesville	3	5	8	20	27 11
Riverstone	2	7	7	16	27 11
Dee Why	4	2	10	28	36 10
Wentley	2	4	10	12	50 8

DIV. 3, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Nepean	12	3	2	40	12 27
Gladesville	12	1	3	52	20 25
Yagoona	9	5	3	45	21 23
Port Hacking	8	2	5	33	23 18
Dee Why	6	5	5	28	24 17
Lethbridge	7	2	6	27	20 16
Bondi	6	2	8	27	32 14
Bathurst	3	4	9	19	44 12
Lane Cove	4	5	8	20	27 11
Riverstone	4	3	8	23	47 11
West Ryde	4	1	11	20	39 9
Wentley	3	1	10	11	40 7

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DIV. 3, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Bondi	13	2	1	53	21 28
Bathurst	10	2	5	38	20 22
Gladesville	9	4	3	27	20 22
Nepean	9	3	5	27	19 21
Port Hacking	7	5	3	31	15 19
Lethbridge	6	4	5	24	17 16
Wentley	7	2	5	17	13 16
Dee Why	7	2	7	25	29 16
Lane Cove	5	3	8	17	18 13
Yagoona	2	3	12	23	38 7
Riverstone	1	4	10	7	54 6
West Ryde	1	2	13	14	39 4

DIV. 4, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Baulkham Hills	10	5	—	35	12 25
Campbelltown	7	7	2	30	20 21
Sydney Uni.	9	1	5	30	23 19
Hurstville	8	3	4	39	32 19
Greenwich	7	4	4	25	20 18
Ashcroft	6	6	3	25	19 18
Ryde	5	5	5	26	23 15
Nth. Bankstown	5	4	6	22	25 14
Artarmon	5	3	7	28	33 13
Padstow	5	—	9	30	35 10
Fairfield	2	3	9	13	25 7
Holroyd	—	1	14	16	50 1

DIV. 4, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Baulkham Hills	10	3	2	40	13 23
Padstow Park	10	3	1	37	15 23
Ashcroft	8	6	1	36	15 22
Campbelltown	9	3	4	32	23 21
Artarmon	5	6	4	26	25 18
Ryde	5	4	6	23	32 14
Fairfield	5	3	6	24	25 13
Nth. Bankstown	4	5	5	18	21 13
Hurstville	5	2	8	23	34 12
Holroyd	4	2	9	17	39 10
Greenwich	3	3	9	18	38 9
Sydney Uni.	1	1	13	20	35 3

DIV. 5, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Bonnyrigg	11	1	2	40	16 23
Kingsford	9	4	2	35	17 22
North Ryde	8	1	5	35	31 17
Paddington	6	4	3	23	20 16
Chelsea	6	3	5	23	23 15
Revesby Rovers	6	2	5	32	23 14
Eastwood	5	4	6	23	27 14
Maroubra	5	2	7	22	26 12
North Rocks	2	4	7	16	28 8
Auburn Juniors	3	1	9	21	29 7
Haberfield	1	2	11	13	43 4

DIV. 5, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Eastwood	10	1	3	34	19 21
Paddington	9	—	3	29	16 18
Kingsford	7	3	5	31	21 17
Bonnyrigg	7	1	6	35	26 15
North Rocks	6	3	4	29	24 15
Auburn Juniors	5	4	4	27	16 14
North Ryde	5	4	5	29	34 12
Revesby Rovers	5	2	6	23	28 12
Haberfield	4	2	8	22	34 10
Chelsea	3	2	9	21	43 8
Maroubra	2	2	10	19	39 6

DIV. 6, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
East Creek	10	4	—	48	13 24
West Holroyd	10	4	1	31	8 24
Concordia	9	3	3	31	21 21
Fairfield West	6	2	5	35	29 14
Pagewood	5	4	4	21	18 14
Macquarie Uni.	5	2	6	27	28 12
Prospect	2	7	5	20	26 11
Camden	4	3	7	22	33 11
W. St. George	2	6	5	27	35 10
Hawkesbury	3	3	7	18	28 9
Canley Heights	3	3	7	21	35 9
Green Valley	3	2	10	24	51 8

DIV. 6, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Fairfield West	12	—	1	40	23 24
East Creek	9	3	2	36	16 21
Prospect	9	2	3	30	16 20
W. St. George	7	3	4	30	20 17
Canley Heights	8	1	4	23	22 17
West Holroyd	6	3	6	20	20 15
Macquarie Uni.	5	1	7	26	19 11
Concordia	4	3	7	17	25 11
Camden	4	1	10	20	34 9
Pagewood	4	1	8	19	34 9
Green Valley	4	—	10	23	39 8
Hawkesbury	1	2	10	16	31 4

DIV. 7, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A P
Maccabi	9	4	2	39	21 22
Chullora	9	2	3	49	24 20
Edensor	9	2	1	36	15 20
Southern Dists.	8	3	3	42	28 19
Moorebank	8	1	6	44	37 17
Bankstown Sp.	6	4	4	42	29 16
Liverpool	6	3	5	36	26 15
Lakemba	4	4	6	29	29 12
South Sydney	3	4	7	20	38 10
Greystanes	4	1	10	23	20 9
Emu Plains	3	—	11	17	52 6
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	12	18	45 4

DIV. 7, GRADE 2					
Moorebank	11	3	1	40	20 25
Chullora	11	2	1	57	23 24
Maccabi	9	4	2	42	20 22
Liverpool	7	3	4	26	17 17
Southern Dists.	6	3	6	40	24 15
Greystanes	4	6	5	28	25 14
Bankstown Sp.	7	—	7	31	32 1
Edensor	6	1	5	34	27 1
Mt. Pritchard	4	3	7	22	40 1
Lakemba	4	2	8	20	24 1
Emu Plains	—	3	11	9	44
South Sydney	—	2	11	7	61

STATE LEAGUE

BANKSTOWN—MANLY 2-0 (1-0)

Roger Bamforth and Gerry Mestrum took over as joint coaches from Alec Kent on the Wednesday night and celebrated with a win, the first after nine losses running. On the other hand, it was a bad start for Manly's Terry Stone, who replaced Richard Alagich, whose "motivational film" caused concern and then his resignation. Bankstown went hard after every ball and their determination brought dividends. In the first half Dave Tansley, Chris Rootsey and Dennis Daley all went close before Billy Angelopoulos finally scored in the 25th minute with a glorious swerving shot following Craig Peck's throw-in. Neil Williams gave the team even more zest when he came on. Manly's best chance

was in the 63rd minute but Joe Nawalu's header was brilliantly saved by the consistent Terry Greedy. In the 82nd minute Rootsey's lob and Tansey's pass set up Daley for a second Bankstown goal.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 4, Morrison 4, Lynch 5, Usher 3, Trusty 4, Rootsey 3, Angelopoulos 4 (Williams: 58m), Peck 3, Daley 2, Tansley 4.

MANLY: Cassettari 4, Dick 3, Gosling 3, Doyle 4, Stocks 5, Geoghegan 3, Kay 3, Roozendaal 3, Geekie 3, Nawalu 4.

Goals: 1-0 Angelopoulos (25m), 2-0 Daley (82m). **Referee:** O. Pritchard. **Crowd:** 326.

— E. PERSEN

APIA—MARRICKVILLE 2-0 (0-0)

APIA helped their slight chance of a premiership semi-final place with a well-deserved 2-0 win over Marrickville Olympic. Until the first goal arrived in the 62nd minute there was a complete lack of penetration by both sides and a scoreless draw looked likely. Once APIA scored their first goal they played like a team inspired and completely dominated the scene from then on. The first goal came when Allstar Link lofted the ball from within a crowd of players into the net. In the 71st minute Billy Griffith slammed the ball into the corner of the net from Terry Butler's pass to seal up the match. Norrie Porter was outstanding in APIA's defence, and was well supported by

Mark Pullen and midfielder Ken Lindsay. Ali El Zein, Steve Kable, Terry Thompson and Harry Xipolitas were best for Olympic.

APIA: McQuire 3, Pullen 4, McMillan 3, Porter 5, McGinn 3, Lindsay 4, Butler 4, Doyle 3, Link 3, Ruiz 3, Griffith 4.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, Kable 4, Sheldrick 3, Penman 3, Xipolitas 3, Thompson 3, Karaparashos (Katholos: 24m, 3), Williams 4, Brown 3, Bosganos 2 (Parasevas: 71m), Balafas 3.

Goals: 1-0 Link (62m), 2-0 Griffith (71m). **Referee:** G. Warne. **Crowd:** 583.

— E. DE MESQUITA

MONARO — TOONGABBIE 0-3 (0-2)

Semifinal aspirants Monaro crashed heavily in this match to a classy and determined Toongabbie. The first half was full of incidents, with referee Denis McDermott sending two players off, both for foul language, and also awarding two penalties, with Giampaolo missing Monaro's. Toongabbie turned on some scintillating soccer to not only seriously dent Monaro's semifinal chances, but also their pride. Ortega was irresistible in midfield, and with Borwick, Hormazabal and Benito de Valle all in explosive form the Monaro midfield had no answer. Toongabbie took an early lead when with only their first attack they gained a penalty. Morsello could have pulled level when he beat the defence and

then chipped the ball onto the crossbar. However, in the second half Toongabbie pulled further ahead and Monaro showed little initiative in trying to get back into the match.

MONARO: Palec 3, O'Maye 3, Di Paoli 3, Cumming 3, Santolin 3, Forwood 3, Pangaio 3 (Lawler: 72m), Bourke 3, Giampaolo 3, Valeri 3, Morsello 3.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 3, Gerlo 4, Oldham 3, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, Benito de Valle 4, Borwick 4, Izatt 3, Ortega 5, Arnytage 3.

Goals: 0-1 Izatt (2m, pen.), 0-2 Borwick (42m), 0-3 Benito de Valle (58m). **Referee:** D. McDermott. **Crowd:** 670. **Caution:** Santolin. **Sent off:** Izatt, Forwood.

— J. CHIERA

MELITA—GRANVILLE 0-3 (0-2)

Any chance Melita had to challenge for this year's championship was blown up in front of their own supporters at Garside Park when they were humiliated by Granville in their worst defeat of the season. The game was a vicious encounter of sub-standard football with Melita constantly shying off the tackles giving Granville continuous possession. What Granville lacked in skills they surely made up for in enthusiasm and certainly deserved the two points. Graham Barker and "Percy" Bigland led the Granville onslaught with just about everyone else pitching in. Bruce Walden scored a

hat-trick and was easily the most dangerous forward on the field on the day.

MELITA: Bracklow 3, Hernandez 2, Ververis 3, Yamine 2 (Erick: 62m), Huntley 4, Darvill 4, Parker 3, McAusland 3, McGovern 4, Smith 3, Jones 4.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 4, Baron 3, Bigland 4, Selfridge 4, Lackey 3, Barker 5, Bates 3, Harvey 3 (Moorecraft: 73m), Thomas 2, Fraser (sent off), Waldon 4.

Goals: 0-1 Waldon (15m), 0-2 Waldon (30m), 0-3 Waldon (77m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 1725.

— C. SPITERI

YUGAL—SUTHERLAND 0-4 (0-2)

Sutherland's overall skill and organisation, especially in the forwards, proved far too much for Yugal. Their first goal came in the sixth minute, following a bad backpass from Pat Rodas. Intercepting the ball, Peter Beggs crossed to Craig Hall, who easily slipped it past Andy Mandrides. For the second goal, in the 25th minute, Steve Meades' chip was headed on by Peter Beggs and superbly met by Craig Hall, who volleyed in from eight metres. Sutherland's domination continued into the second half when, in the 62nd minute, Hammer latched on to Jim Basterfield's through ball to slot it home. Two minutes from time Craig Hall completed his hat-trick in

scoring Sutherland's fourth. Unfortunately the game ended on a sour note when Milo Piper fouled Hall and was sent off by referee Michael Roberts.

YUGAL: Mandrides 3, Rodavac 3, Trkulia 3, Prgomelia 3, Novakovic 3, Nitya 3, Stamenkovic 3 (Delaney: 63m), Mihailovic 3, Cuk 3, Tanoski 3, Rodas 2 (Piper, sent off).

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, Watkiss 4 (Tasker: 85m), Dai Forno 3, Schumann 3. **C. Hall:** 5, Meades 4, Beggs 4, Basterfield 4, Hammer 3 (P. Hall: 67m).

Goals: 0-1 Hall (6m), 0-2 Hall (25m), 0-3 Hammer (65m), 0-4 Hall (88m). **Referee:** M. Roberts. **Crowd:** 650.

— D. MURTON

AVALA—MELITA 1-2 (1-0)

A depleted Melita fought like tigers in the second half to defeat a determined Avala in a deferred match at Garside Park last Thursday night. Goals were hard to come by for Melita in the first half, as three times they hit the wood work and several just missed out by inches, and they turned around with a one goal deficit. However, it was a different story in the second half as from the outset they went after Avala. Vernon Darvill in midfield had a great game and so did Ian McGovern up front who had a hand in both goals which came pretty quickly. Avala held on well in the first half, with Mike Barton and Eddie

Patterson causing many worries for the Eagles, but once Patterson was replaced the cohesion fell apart.

AVALA: Rimmer 3, Doran 4, Dellar 3, Barton 4, Gray 4, Patterson 4 (Kodor: 62m), Janek 3 (Beater: 85m), Magill 3, Milovanovic 3, Kasumovic 2, Griffiths 2.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, Ververis 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Huntley 3, Darvill 4, Parker 3, McAusland 4, McGovern 4, Smith 3, Jones 4.

Goals: 1-0 Patterson (20m), 1-1 Ververis (49m), 1-2 Jones (65m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 863.

— C. SPITERI

AVALA—ARNCLIFFE 1-0 (1-0)

Avala opened the scoring in the first five minutes from great lead-up play by Uri Kasumovic, who drew the defence and centred to Jim Magill. The latter's thundering shot from 12 metres gave Arncliffe goalkeeper Norm Rodgers no chance. The play see-sawed as both sides worked tirelessly to gain superiority, and both defences were thoroughly tested as each team struggled for vital points. Time and time again opposing keepers Ahrens and Rodgers were stretched to their limits as they punched clear and smothered shots from all angles. It was the experience of Alex Gray who kept the Avala de-

fence together against a determined Arncliffe side, who managed to keep their goal intact from Magill's early scoring effort onwards.

AVALA: Ahrens, Doran 3, Deiler 3, Barton 3, Gray 4, Kasumovic 4, Patterson 3, Magill 3, Milovanovic 3 (Kodor: 62m), Janek 3 (Beater: 76m). **Griffiths:** 3.

ARNCLIFFE: Rodgers 3, Butler 3, Blackburn 3, Smart 3, Hali 3, Martin 3, Bankhead 3, Gilmour 3 (Stalker: 67m), Baker 3, Muscovits 3 (Schroeder: 46m), Brizuela 3. **Goal:** 1-0 Magill (5m). **Referee:** G. Power. **Crowd:** 513.

— D. WENDT

HALL OF YOUNG FAME IS THREAT TO MELITA

Greg Lynch, Terry Greedy, Neil Williams, Dave Tansley & Co — what a difference they are now making to the Bankstown line-up!

— By Keith Gilmour —

Bankstown's late run to avoid relegation carried them to a clear win over Manly last Saturday.

They must succeed against surprise winners Granville this week to really start steering themselves out of difficulties.

Should they bring home the bacon it will be Granville and Arncliffe and to some extent Avala who will feel the cold wind of relegation blowing in what promises to be an intriguing struggle this weekend and for the remainder of the season.

On Saturday the deferred Avala v Monaro game has been set down for Mona Park, giving both teams two games for the weekend.

GRANVILLE V BANKSTOWN

This game has the aroma of a relegation drama.

Granville must look for big things from English newcomer Gary Moorcroft, because the going will be tough against a Bankstown that has suddenly showed its true worth.

Last week Neil Williams arrived late from the Coast, and even though Billy Angelopoulos was performing well without having reached peak fitness, the team did better again with Williams' promptings.

It is hard to see how Granville can cope with Bankstown in mid-field in spite of their almost unbelievable win over Melita. We tip Bankstown, but after last weekend, who knows?

SUTHERLAND V MELITA

Sutherland could be climbing if they take Melita in what should be the game of the round.

Sutherland came back into their own with successive wins over APIA and Melita, and it is delightful to find the immensely talented Craig Hall getting back into form.

For Melita it seems that Phil Mikas is back to form after suspension, and hopefully Joe Farugia should be fit after pulling a leg muscle.

On form before the "big wet" it seemed impossible that most teams could stop Melita, but the resumption has seen them lose twice in a row — first to Manly and then to Granville.

MARRICKVILLE V YUGAL

Yugal's confident stretch seems to have drawn to a close with the near massacre at the hands of Sutherland last week.

On paper this should be an Olympic win, as the team is not

likely to lie down after suffering at the hands of APIA.

Marrickville now have nine matches to go. These include two games against outright leaders Croatia, so those semi-final ambitions have been truly dented.

If, however, Yugal can come back from the brink they are well able to challenge Olympic. Their touch on the day will determine whether it is a crowd-pleaser or not.

TOONGABBIE V APIA

Toongabbie did last week what they threatened to do all year, and that is bad news for the Leichhardt brigade, whose ambitions are starting to waver.

The Demons are certainly relishing the sudden inspiration of Rich Hormazabal and Carlos Ortega, their South American connection.

APIA's Billy Griffith is developing well and could be a threat to his opponents.

Much will depend on which team handles the midfield best, and if APIA succeeds in that department they have enough capable forwards to finish off well.

ARNCLIFFE V MONARO

Kaz Kulak's Scots will be heartened by the news of Monaro's 3-0 loss last weekend, but that in itself is not enough to earn them a reprieve in the relegation stakes.

Arncliffe's great problem which so far has escaped resolution, is their continuing goal drought, and certainly Monaro have a strength in that department in spite of an uncharacteristic whitewashing last week.

What can Kulak do to find goals where none seems to exist?

Monaro must win this one,

JUNIOR SCHEME

It looks as if the Sydney Amateurs and the NSW Federation Juniors will hammer out a solution to the problems of developing under 16, 15 and 14 year players.

For some time the representative teams of the Associations have played each other in a weekly competition.

The Federation clubs started their juniors some four years ago, and the competition has also prospered.

The logic of amalgamation is now being discussed, which could mean two or even three divisions in each yearly grade.

The new scheme would allow some of the Federation boys with ability the chance to represent their State, an honor which they are missing at present.

"The Federation clubs, and that includes some from the Phillips League, are spending big money to develop their players.

"They need their players kept together, as no club has the scouts to go out and see

JUNIOR SCHOOLS

The Australian Primary Schools soccer championship will be staged from next weekend in Sydney.

Games will be played at Cromer Park, Dee Why, on Monday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 2, and on Friday, August 4, Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 at Barton Park, Kogarah.

Competing will be South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

The State team was selected last week at the intrastate championship, won by North Sydney for the first time with a 2-0 win over Metropolitan West in the final played at Jamieson Park.

The winning coach was John Gates, and the manager/selector well-known referee Richard Lorenc. Referees from Manly-Warringah will assist by controlling the Australian championship games.

The NSW team is: Peter Whiteside (Pennant Hills), Brian Eilem (Wideview), Alex Peluso (Lane Cove), Ken Bridge (Hilltop), Michael Toohey (Winnalee), Ric Karaka (Yenda), Andrew Callanan (Banksia Rd Liverpool), Kevin Keane (Dee Why), Andrew Jones (South Tamworth), Harry Ree (Daceyville), Nick Conrad (Kilmarney Heights), Peter Petkovski (Atheistane, St. George), Warren Wills (Auburn Central), Jamie Dummett (East Corrimal).

The Umbro Cup series is down to eight schools from the original 140. Schools officials point out that a recent Daily Telegraph article referred to 52 schools in State-wide knock-out competitions.

Actually, there are the 140 teams in the Umbro Shield and another 170 junior teams in their knock-out series.

— K. G.

Smart students

Soccer is enjoying an unprecedented boom at Sydney University.

The club, which was re-established in 1948, is fielding eight teams this year.

The first and second grades are in the Fourth Division NSW Federation and the other six grades play in the Protestant Churches competition.

It is interesting to compare soccer's popularity with the other Sydney University football codes.

The Rugby Union Club, established in 1863, has six teams, the Rugby League Club, established in 1922, has four teams and the Australian Rules Club, established in 1933, has two.

The success of the Sydney University Soccer Club's first grade team this year, currently running second, has been an inspiration to the rest of the club and is due in no small way to the coaching of Geoff Goldstein, ex-Hakoah player and to the leadership of the president of the club, Harry Connors, a veteran of 11 seasons with the club and previously with Polonia.

A wide range of nationalities play with the club including Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Greek, Chilean, British as well as Australian.

A number of clubmen have been selected in Australian Universities sides. They include Bill Drury, Peter Salapatas, Mike Halliday, Geoff Goldstein, Dennis Flaherty and Jorge Villazon.

The current success of soccer at Sydney University shows brains and soccer can go together.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

leaving the Scots struggling to escape from the mire.

MANLY V CROATIA

Recent losses by Monaro and Melita mean that Croatia could even afford the luxury of post-American tour blues if it came to the point.

Not that their approach would involve that type of thinking. In fact, they are in a better situation because Manly have accepted the resignation of coach Richard Alagich.

What Croatia's injury situation is after a concentrated tour is not known, but they are a very close-knit side and should not be unduly troubled out at Cromer Park.

AUBURN V AVALA

Avala are doing well enough to ensure that Auburn will not have all their own way.

After taking Melita to a very close 1-2 result, they handed Arncliffe to reach 10 points with four games in hand over two of their competitors.

Auburn missed out on the match against Croatia last week, and will play them at the Sports Ground on next Wednesday, July 26.

Looking to Sunday, the result should be tight, but Auburn have the all-round power that should carry them through.

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THIS WEEK
SATURDAY, JULY 22
FIRST DIVISION

Avala v Monaro	Mona Park
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SECOND DIVISION

Marrickville v Guildford	Mackey Park
Blacktown v NS Inter	Francis Park
Queens Park v Warringah	Erskineville

SUNDAY, JULY 23
FIRST DIVISION

Granville v Bankstown	Garside
Sutherland v Melita	Seymour Shaw
Mv. Olympic v Yugal	Arlington
Toongabbie v APIA	Girraween
Arncliffe Scots v Monaro	Hurstville
Manly v Croatia	Cromer
Auburn v Avala	Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

Revesby v Belmore	Milperra
Ku-ring-gai v Gladestville	Parklands Uni.
NSW v Polonia	David Phillips
Guildford v NS Inter	Guildford

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Croatia v Auburn	Sportsground, 8pm
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NEXT WEEK
SATURDAY, JULY 29
FIRST DIVISION

Bankstown v Sutherland	Soccer Centre
Yugal v Toongabbie	Garside Park
Avala v Manly	Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

Belmore v Ku-ring-gai	Blick Oval
Gladestville v Marrickville	Kenthurst Oval
Queens Park v Guildford	Erskineville

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Croatia v Granville	Cricket Gr. No. 2
Melita v Mv. Olympic	Garside Park
APIA v Inter Monaro	Lambert Park
Auburn v Arncliffe Scots	Mona Park

SECOND DIVISION

NS Inter v Revesby	North Sydney Oval
Warringah v Polonia	Graham Reserve
Blacktown v Uni NSW	Francis Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Granville v Sutherland	Garside Park, 9 pm
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WORLD NEWS



A number of former greats in England suffered the same fate: they were given free clearances by their clubs. They included Billy Bremner (Hull), Peter Thompson (Bolton), Chris Lawler (ex-Liverpool, now Stockport), Keith Newton (Burnley), John Osborne (West Brom), Alan Woollett (Leicester), Wyn Davies (Crewe), Hugh Curran (Oxford) — all former internationals.

BAYERN REVIVAL? Greenwood slams English coaches

The famous Bayern Munchen, three times winners of the European Champions' Cup, will fight for their life in the coming season.

Having missed out on all Euro-Cups, they must simply win some honors in the 78-79 season — or face more lasting and financially damaging mediocrity.

The majority of players are on an extremely high contract, signed when things were rosy.

Now the club's coffers are empty — and attendance figures have also nosedived.

Uli Hoeness, one of the

stalwarts of the team, is aware of the problems.

"We just have to do well this season or face a big come-down in our earnings," he said.

"I'm sure we'll win either the title or the Cup; I've made a big bet with a journalist."

Paul Breitner, who returned to Bayern after a few years with Real Madrid and Braunschweig, is equally determined.

"The challenge will do us good," he said. "We'll have 11 players taking the field fighting for their soccer lives."

"Bayern will be again near the top."

Ron Greenwood is England's great white hope for a dramatic revival.

The highly intelligent former West Ham boss, now England manager, was at the World Cup recently watching often two matches a day.

Together with his assistant, Dave Sexton, he was taking notes, meeting people and studying training methods.

"This is normal," he said in London last week.

"Engineers, scientists and others keep learning from one another, why not soccer coaches?"

"It's a damned shame that so few English club coaches bothered to go and see the World Cup."

"Instead, they were sitting at home in front of their TV sets and kept murmuring that

England is better than any of those mugs.

"How can anybody say a thing like that when England failed to qualify for the past two World Cup finals?"

"We have so-called star players who cannot control the ball with one move. All eight teams in the second round of the World Cup finals were technically superior to England."

"And they all know how to carry out man-to-man marking, which in England is still a mystery."

Greenwood then invited the coaches of all 92 League clubs for a talk on the latest world trends.

Only 26 turned up...



England manager Ron Greenwood

AUSTRIANS ARE ON THE MOVE

Helmut Senekowitsch, coach of the successful Austrian national team, has resigned.

He said he was not prepared to put up any longer with the rule of his know-all, dictatorial president Sekanina.

Senekowitsch is not sure whether he will stay at home or seek a post abroad — but he shouldn't be short of lucrative offers.

His successor may be either G. Parschak or S. Stotz.

Meanwhile, Austrian fans are resigned to the departure of two of their stars, Pezzey (Eintracht Frankfurt) and Krankl (Barcelona).

They are happy that midfielder ace Prohaska has decided to stay at home, having signed a two-year contract with FK Austria-Wien.

Hickersberger (Dusseldorf) and Kreuz (Feyenoord) are also

returning home to Austria though they have not yet decided to which club.

Traffic in the other direction is also heavy. Breitenberger (Linz) has signed for Belgian second division club Mechelen and Welzl (Innsbruck) has gone, together with his coach Kessler, to the Dutch Alkmaar.

GOLDEN ERA FOR ITALY

Now is the time to rebuild — so says Italian manager Enzo Bearzot, a considerable hero after his team's World Cup showings.

"Zoff, Benetti and Claudio Sala will bow out soon and we have to find their replacements."

"During the finals in Argentina we found Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli and Zaccarelli, not to mention Rossi."

"A few more talents must be lying around somewhere."

No doubt. In goal we'll soon see Galli (20) of Fiorentina, then defenders Bini (23) of Inter, Carrera (23) of Lanerossi, Collovati (21) of Milan and Ferrario (19) of Naples.

Midfielders Pasinato (21) of Ascoli, Agostinelli (21) of Lazio, and Tavola (21) of Bergamo could link up with Tardelli.

Among the strikers the great hopefuls are Altobelli (23) of Inter, Pruzzo (23) of Roma, Virdis (21) and Fanna (21) of Juventus and Giordano (22) of Lazio.

It appears that after years of drought, Italian soccer is again entering a golden age.



Italian ace Paolo Rossi (right).

GERMANS NOT CLASSY ENOUGH

West Germany has no world class players at present — this is the harsh but probably realistic assessment of the Nurnberg weekly "Kicker" in its annual compilation.

No doubt the poor World Cup performance of the Germans greatly influenced their decision.

After the 1974 World Cup players in the "world class" category were Maier, Breitner, Vogts, Beckenbauer, Gerd Mueller and Honess.

Even last year Grabowski, Flohe and Dietz earned this distinction.

However, West German soccer is still not without its stars; the Swedish goalie Hellstrom and the little English midfield genius Keegan have been rated as "world class".

VENGLOS STARTS

Josef Venglos, the former Sydney Prague coach, started his new job as manager of Czechoslovakia on July 1.

His place in Slovan Bratislava

has been taken over by Antonin Malatinsky who has just returned home from Holland.

The Association has also got a new president in Desider Cimra, the former international player.

Czechoslovakia's first European Championship clash will be on October 4 in Stockholm against Sweden.

Earlier, on September 6, they will play a friendly against East Germany in Leipzig.

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CUPWINNERS' CUP:

Hungarian winner v Kalmar (Swed.); Sporting (Port.) v Ostrava (Czech.); Barcelona (Sp.) v USSR winner; Magdeburg (E.Germ.) v Valur (Icel.); Marek (Bulg.) v Aberdeen (Scot.); Beveren (Belg.) v Ballymena (Nth.Irel.); PAOK (Gr.) v Servette (Switz.); Dusseldorf (W.Germ.) v Craiova (Rum.); Sosnowiec (Pol.) v Innsbruck (Au.); Alkmaar (Holl.) v Ipswich (Engl.); Apoel (Cyprus) v Shamrock (Irel.); Rijeka (Yug.) v Wrexham (Wales); Inter (It.) v Floriana (Malta); B. Glint (Norw.) v US Luxembourg;

Danish winner v Nancy (France).

UEFA CUP:

Honved (Hung.) v Adanospur (Turk.); Timisoara (Rum.) v MTK (Hung.); Dukla (Czech.) v Lanerossi (It.); CSZKA Sofia (Bulg.) v Valencia (Sp.); Monchengladbach (W.Germ.) v Sturm Graz (Au.); Panathinaikos (Gr.) v Pitesti (Rum.); Bilbao (Sp.) v Ajax (Holl.); Everton (Engl.) v Finn Harps (Irel.); Esch (Luxemb.) v Lausanne (S.Switz.); Benfica (Port.) v Nantes (Fr.); Gijon (Sp.) v Torino (It.); Braga (Port.) v Hibernians (Malta); Galatasaray (Turk.) v W.Brom. (Engl.); Dyn. Berlin (E.Germ.) v C.Zvezda (Yug.); Boldkl. Kopenh. (Denm.) v Palloseura (Fin.); Basel (Switz.) v Stuttgart (W.Germ.); Torp. Moscow (USSR) v Molde (Norw.); Elfsborg (Swed.) v Starsbourg (Fr.); Duisburg (W.Germ.) v Lech (Pol.); St. Liege (Belg.) v Dundee (Scot.); Start (Norw.) v loser of Danish final; Arsenal (Engl.) v Lok. Leipzig (E.Germ.); Jena (E.Germ.) v Lierse (Belg.); Glentoran (Nth. Irel.) v IBV (Icel.); Twente (Holl.) v Man. City (Engl.); Hibernian (Scot.) v Norrkoping (Swede.); Pazoporkos (Cyprus) v Slask (Pol.); Olimpiakos (Gr.) v Levski (Bulg.); Milan (It.) v Lok. Kosice (Czech.); Tbilis (USSR); v Napoli (It.); Hajduk (Yug.) v Rapid (Au.); Hertha (W.Germ.) v Trakija (Bulg.)

The Greek AEK's new coach is former Hungarian great, Ferenc Puskas, replacing the Yugoslav Zlatko Cajkowski.

The president of the West German Association, Hermann Neuburger, has called a conference with executives of the Bundesliga clubs. The ironical subject of the talks: "What else do we have to do to ensure that we lose our leading position in world soccer..."

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